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Applicants : David J. K. Johnson et al.
Application No.: 09/955,244 Confirmation No.: 81651
Filed : September 17, 2001
For : MEDICAL GRAFTING METHODS AND APPARATUS
Group Art Unit : 3731
Examiner : Michael H. Thaler

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Examiner's action dated June 17, 2003. With the extension, a response is due on or before August 17, 2003. A check in the amount of \$110.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or to credit overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075.

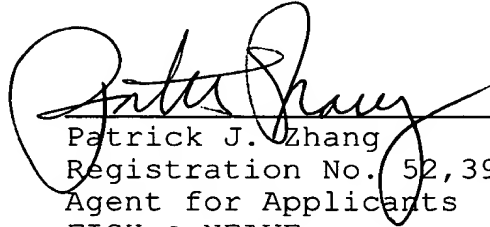
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A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick J. Zhang", is written over a horizontal line.

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